

Container kills 3 at Sifax terminal

TRAGEDY struck weekend at the Sifax Terminal as a container fell and killed three people on the spot.

This is in contrast to the AP Moller terminal which has just celebrated 169 days accident free operation at its terminal.

An eyewitness account said that the incident at the Sifax Terminal happened when an hydraulic of a crane failed and the crane driver lost control.

Members of staff and those doing business there are now getting worried as over nine people have lost their lives to accidents in the terminal in the past three years, since the operation took over.

Stakeholders also lamented the inability of the operators of the terminal to ensure accident free transaction.

For instance, last year it took the intervention of well-meaning Nigerians to prevail on the aggrieved staff of the terminal to prevent fracas.

Bodies victims of the accident are said to have been deposited at the mortuary.

The Corporate Affairs Manager, Mr. Oliver Omajuwa, said the accident claimed the life of a staff of the company who lost control of his car and ran into stacked containers.

Omajuwa said that one of the containers fell on the car and

the man died instantly.

He, however, said the company is working on welfare package for the family of the deceased.

He noted that the company exercised a lot of precautions and it was unfortunate that accident happened.

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THE Minister of Transport, Alhaji Ibrahim Isa Bio has reiterated the commitment of the present administration to ensuring that railway becomes functional latest by first quarter of next year.

This is because it has been identified as the most viable and cheapest means of mass transportation as well as crucial factor that could bring about the much desired rural integration and development.

He said that with funding set aside for the various rehabilitation projects in the sector coupled with the ordered 25 locomotives, trains will move between Lagos and Kano by the

slated time.

The Minister stated this recently when the Governor of Ogun State, Otunba Gbenga Daniel paid him a courtesy call in his Office in Abuja.

The Governor had come to solicit the support and collaboration of the Federal Government through the Federal Ministry of Transport for the linkage to the rail network from Lagos to the location of the proposed deep sea port by the State government.

Otunba Gbenga Daniel said that with the location of Ogun State as the Gateway from the Ports and Highways in Lagos, the state actually links Lagos